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Box No. I Basis of the report

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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	1-13	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims		YES
	Claims	1-13	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-13	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

The present invention relates to a disubstituted cucurbituril represented by the following Formula 1 and a method for preparing the same Formula 1, comprising the step of reacting a disubstituted glycoluril represented by Formula 2 and a glycoluril represented by Formula 3 with ormaldehyde.

1. Prior Art

The following documents from the PCT International Search Report have been considered for the purpose of this report:

(D1) WO 0068232 A1 (UNISEARCH LIMITED) 16 NOVEMBER 2000 (16.11.2000)

(D2) WO 03055888 A1 (POSTECH FOUNDATION) 10 JULY 2003 (10.07.2003),

(D3) WO 03004500A1 (POSTECH FOUNDATION) 16 JANUARY 2003 (16.01.2003)

D1 discloses a method for preparing cucurbit[n]urils and cucurbit[s,u]urils and a method of separating cucurbit[n]urils and/or cucurbit[s,u]urils.

D2 relates to a hydroxycucurbituril and derivatives thereof which are expressed by the formula 1, wherein A1 and A2 are as defined in the specification; X is O, S or NH; and n is an integer of 4-20.

D3 discloses water and organic soluble cucurbituril derivatives, their preparation methods, their separation methods and uses.

2. Novelty

None of the prior art documents describe a method for preparing a disubstituted cucurbituril represented by Formula 1, comprising the step of reacting a disubstituted glycoluril represented by Formula 2 and a glycoluril represented by Formula 3 with formaldehyde. Therefore, the subject-matter of claims 1-13 can be regarded as novel under PCT Article 33(2).

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3. Inventive Step

The present invention provides a disubstituted cucurbit[m]uril where m is 5 to 8, represented by the following Formula 1 and a method for preparing a disubstituted cucurbituril represented by Formula 1, comprising the step of reacting a disubstituted glycoluril represented by Formula 2 and a glycoluril represented by Formula 3 with formaldehyde: wherein the disubstituted glycoluril of Formula 2 is prepared by reacting a 1,2-diketone derivative represented by Formula 4 with an urea represented by Formula 5 in the presence of an acid catalyst.

In view of D1, a skilled person in the art could think of a method for producing cucurbit[n]urils, where n is from 4 to 12, comprising the step of mixing substituted and unsubstituted glycoluril with an acid, and heating the mixture to a temperature of from 70 °C to 100 °C to thereby form cucurbit[n]urils. Novel cucurbit[n]urils, where n = 5 to 10 and substituted cucurbit[s,u]urils, where s = number of substituted glycoluril units, u = number of unsubstituted units and s + u = 4 to 12.

According to D2, a skilled person in the art could expect a hydroxycucurbituril derivative represented by formula 13 which can be prepared by reacting hydroxycucurbituril derivative represented by formula 8 with Cl-C30 alkyl halide in the presence of a base.

The skilled person having knowledge of the teaching of D3 would have been able to predict that a method for preparing a glycoluril derivative having the formula (2), the method comprising the steps of: adding an aqueous acidic solution or an acid-containing organic solvent to a mixture of a urea derivative (B) and a cyclodione compound (C) for reaction, mixing and stirring a compound having the formula (2) and an aldehyde compound having the formula (A), and adding acid to the reaction mixture and stirring to complete the reaction.

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Furthermore, the present invention does not show a surprising effect over the inventions of the prior art documents.

Therefore, the present invention is considered to be a simple combination of the inventions of the prior art documents D1 – D3, and consequently an inventive step cannot be acknowledged for the subject matter of claims 1 to 13 (Article 33(3) PCT).

4. Industrial Applicability

The subject-matter of claims 1 to 13 is considered to be industrially applicable under PCT Article 33(4).